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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of proposed rules CrR 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 4.7, and 4.11.

I have been a public defender in Washington State for nearly four years. I've practiced in superior and district court in Snohomish County, as well as Everett Municipal Court. I have tried 15 cases at the trial level and completed nearly 20 RALJ appeals. Additionally, I have campaigned for the State Legislature and one of my main principles was to bring increased transparency to our State's legislative branch. The proposed rule changes will influence transparency at a time when many of our State entities are working to become less transparent.

Now, perhaps more than ever, when the legal community in Washington has been thrust into the spotlight with the House Bill 1788 and it's overwhelming support in the House vote, we need to do everything we can to illuminate the practice of law. This is especially true with regard to the practice of criminal law and the proposed rule changes will serve to do just that. The Supreme Court is the lighthouse that guides the ships of justice. By approving these proposed rule changes, those ships will be guided in the right direction.

These rules provide much needed transparency and remind our elected prosecutors that their duty is not to "win" cases but to do justice for the community. A community that includes the defendants the State has accused.

Thank you,

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